

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A file-update apparatus, which can mount a removable information recording medium storing a FAT and a directory entry that show a storage location, on the medium, of data constituting a content of a file, and which executes a plurality of update procedures to update the file, records progress information showing which of the update procedures have been executed in updating the file into an internal memory having a continuous power supply. ~~At a time of updating the file, the apparatus records, onto the medium, data constituting a content of the file after updating, in a different storage location from the data constituting the content of the file before updating, records, into the memory, update information showing the storage location of the data constituting the post-update file content, and then updates the FAT and the directory entry based on the update information, so as to show the storage location of this data.~~ Even if an abnormal stoppage of the update procedures caused by a power-down or the like occurs during updating of the FAT, for example, the progress and update information remain in the memory. Thus, the FAT and the like can be re-updated and inconsistencies resolved using this information, after recovering from the abnormal stoppage.